

**QUESTIONNAIRE to be used for biennial reporting  
on the application of the IUU Regulation**

**Reporting period 2022-2023 (deadline for submission 30 April 2024)**

<b>Member State:</b>	België
<b>Organisation:</b>	Dienst Zeevisserij – Agentschap Landbouw en Zeevisserij – Vlaamse Overheid
<b>Date:</b>	25/06/2024
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<b>May the Commission provide a copy of this questionnaire to other Member States?</b>	
<b>Yes:</b>	Yes
<b>Yes except for questions (list):</b>	
<b>No:</b>	
<b>May the Commission provide a copy of this questionnaire to the European Fisheries Control Agency for a horizontal assessment<sup>1</sup>?</b>	
<b>Yes:</b>	Yes
<b>Yes except for questions (list):</b>	
<b>No:</b>	

**Please check if your notified authorities under the IUU Regulation (Articles 15(2), 17(8) and 21(3)) correspond with the latest version of the Official Journal:**

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52022XC0408%2802%29&qid=1701963740421>

**If not, please provide the updated notification to DG MARE through the Functional mailbox: [MARE-NOTIFICATIONS-IUU-1005-2008@ec.europa.eu](mailto:MARE-NOTIFICATIONS-IUU-1005-2008@ec.europa.eu)**

**Please state your notified authorities under the IUU Regulation in accordance with Article 39(4) (nationals):**

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<sup>1</sup> This assessment is for internal use of the Commission. EFCA will present to Member States a summary of this assessment in the EFCA's Plenary and Steering Group meeting.

<b>Section 1. Information on legal framework<sup>2</sup></b>
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Since the last reporting exercise covering the period 2020-2021, has your country adopted/modified national law or any administrative guides for the application of any of the provisions of Council Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008 on illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing (IUU Regulation)?

☒ Yes

☐ No

*If yes, please detail and provide copies or provide link to the official national database.*

Administrative guide through our website;

[Vangstcertificaat | Landbouw en Zeevisserij \(vlaanderen.be\)](#)

Concerning national law;

<https://www.ejustice.just.fgov.be/eli/besluit/2012/12/14/2013035017/justel>

<https://www.ejustice.just.fgov.be/eli/besluit/2023/06/16/2023043124/justel>

<b>Section 2. Information on administrative organisation<sup>3</sup></b>
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2.1. Please provide information on your administrative organisation for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008 on illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing (IUU Regulation), in particular as regards:

- port inspections (Chapter II);
- catch certification scheme (Chapter III);
- nationals (Chapter VIII).

*When providing the above requested information, please specify if different authorities/services are involved in the implementation of the IUU Regulation for:*

- *the control of the access and use of ports, including for landings and transshipments, of third country fishing vessels in accordance with Chapter II of the IUU Regulation;*
- *checks and verifications of catch certificates for fishery products arriving on board of third country fishing vessels at designated ports;*
- *checks and verifications of catch certificates for imports of consignment with fishery products arriving by other means than fishing vessels (e.g. by containers, planes, trucks);*
- *validation of catch certificates for exports;*
- *validation and verifications of re-exports.*

*In addition (if different authorities/services are involved), please explain and describe:*

- a) *vertical co-operation (between local/regional authorities and their headquarters/central authorities);*

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<sup>2</sup> This section 1 is to be filled-in by all Member States i.e. coastal and landlocked Member States.

<sup>3</sup> This section 2 is to be filled-in by all Member States i.e. coastal and landlocked Member States.

- b) *horizontal co-operation between different authorities and allocation of tasks for various authorities in the implementation of the IUU Regulation (Fisheries, Health, Customs, Coast Guard, Navy, etc.).*

*If written agreements on cooperation between different authorities/services have been concluded, please provide copies.*

*When providing the above requested information, if there were any changes in the administrative organisation since the previous reporting period (2020-2021), please underline those changes.*

***The Belgian IUU authority; the Belgian competent authority Agentschap Landbouw en Zeevisserij, Dienst Zeevisserij has a collaboration by official protocol in place with the Belgian customs authority FOD Financiën AAD&A to combat IUU fisheries in accordance with the provisions in chapter III of IUU Council Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008.***

- ***The competent authority (Agentschap Landbouw en Zeevisserij)***

***-the control of direct landings of third country fishing vessels;***

***- validation of catch certificates upon exports;***

***- checks and verifications of catch certificates for imports under direct landing;***

***- checks and verifications of catch certificates for imports arriving by other means than fishing vessels (e.g. by containers, trucks);***

***- validation and verifications of re-exports***

- ***The customs authority***

***-checks and verifications of catch certificates for imports arriving by other means than fishing vessels (e.g. by containers, trucks)***

- ***Documentary, Scan, physical, Risk Management, Risk Analysis***

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## 2.2. How many officials are involved in the implementation of the catch certification scheme?

*Please specify the number of officials expressed in Full Time Equivalent (FTE); please specify which authority they belong to:*

- *for checks and verifications in accordance with Articles 16 and 17 of the IUU Regulation;*
- *for validation of catch certificates for exports and of re-export certificates in accordance with Articles 15(2) and 21(3) of the IUU Regulation.*

2.3. Does your country have freezones/freeports<sup>4</sup> in which activities relevant to importation/exportation/processing of fishery products are authorised?

☐ Yes

☒ No

*If yes, please provide a list of such zones/ports.*

**Section 3. Information on access to ports, including for landings and transshipments of fishery products, by third country fishing vessels<sup>5</sup> (and information on related port inspections and confirmed infringements)<sup>6</sup>**

3.1. Does your country have designated ports for access to port services or landings or transhipment of fishery products by third country fishing vessels (Article 5 of the IUU Regulation<sup>7</sup>)?

☒ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please check if your list of designated ports in accordance with Article 5(3) corresponds to the latest version of the Office Journal:

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52023XC01237>

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3.2. In years 2022 and 2023 respectively, how many times have third country fishing vessels been granted authorisation to access designated ports in your country only for repair/maintenance/supply?<sup>8</sup>

0

<sup>4</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/taxation\\_customs/business/customs-procedures/what-is-importation/free-zones\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/business/customs-procedures/what-is-importation/free-zones_en)

<sup>5</sup> Fishing vessels as defined in article 2(5) of the IUU Regulation.

<sup>6</sup> This section 3 refers to Chapter II (Articles 4 to 11) of the IUU Regulation and is applicable to coastal Member States. Landlocked Member States should not fill in this section.

<sup>7</sup> Please note that ports designated under Regional Fisheries Management Organisations must also be designated under the IUU Regulation with restrictions if necessary (species, etc.).

<sup>8</sup> It is reminded that provisions of Chapter II apply to third country fishing vessels aiming to access EU ports for port services, even in cases where they do not carry fishery products on board and therefore no landing or transhipment operation is foreseen. Third country fishing vessels shall only access ports designated in accordance with Article 5.



3.3. How many landings and transshipments in designated ports by third country fishing vessels have been recorded by your country between 1 January 2022 until 31 December 2023? How many inspections did your country carry out and how many infringements have been detected?

Please fill-in the table below (2022):

Inspections of third country fishing vessels in Member States ports (2022)								
Type of operation	Vessels	Figures (2022)	Flag of the third country vessel(s) <sup>9</sup>					
			Example: IS	FS1	FS2	FS3	FSx	Total
Landings	Third country vessels using MS designated ports	Number of landings	100					0
		Number of inspections	10					0
		% of inspections / landings	10%					0
		Number of infringements	3					0
Transshipments	Third country vessels using MS designated ports	Number of transshipments in ports	2					0
		Number of inspections	0					0
		% of inspections / transshipments	0					0
		Number of infringements	0					0

<sup>9</sup> ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

Please fill-in the table below (2023):

Inspections of third country fishing vessels in Member States ports (2023)								
Type of operation	Vessels	Figures (2023)	Flag of the third country vessel(s) <sup>10</sup>					
			Example: IS	FS1	FS2	FS3	FSx	Total
Landings	Third country vessels using MS designated ports	Number of landings	100					0
		Number of inspections	10					0
		% of inspections / landings	10%					0
		Number of infringements	3					0
Transshipments	Third country vessels using MS designated ports	Number of transshipments in ports	2					0
		Number of inspections	2					0
		% of inspections / transshipments	100%					0
		Number of infringements	0					0

3.4. From the figures above, in the cases where your country detected infringements concerning third country fishing vessels, please specify for each infringement the flag, the vessel's name, the type of infringement and the measures taken / sanction imposed (Article 11 of the IUU Regulation).

Please fill-in the table below (2022):

Flag of the third country vessel <sup>11</sup>	Name of the third country vessel	Type of infringements	Measures taken
FS1			
FS2			
...			
FSx			

Please fill-in the table below (2023):

Flag of the third country vessel <sup>12</sup>	Name of the third country vessel	Type of infringements	Measures taken
FS1			

<sup>10</sup> ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

<sup>11</sup> ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

<sup>12</sup> ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

FS2			
...			
FSx			

3.5. Please provide:

- the quantities of fish landed by third countries' fishing vessels in your designated ports in 2022 and 2023, respectively (by species and flag of the catching vessels);
- the quantities of fish transhipped from third countries' fishing donor vessels (to third countries or EU fishing receiving vessels) in your designated ports in 2022 and 2023, respectively (by species and flag of the vessels):

*Please fill-in the table below (landings):*

Landings in 2022		Landings in 2023	
Flag of the third country vessel that caught the fish <sup>13</sup>	Landed quantities by species <sup>14</sup> (weight in tonnes)	Flag of the third country vessel that caught the fish <sup>15</sup>	Landed quantities by species <sup>14</sup> (weight in tonnes)
FS1	Species 1:  Species 2:  Species x:	FS1	Species 1:  Species 2:  Species x:
FS2	Species 1:  Species 2:  Species x:	FS2	Species 1:  Species 2:  Species x:
...	...	...	...
FSx	...	FSx	...

*Please fill-in the table below (transhipments):*

Transhipments in 2022		Transhipments in 2023	
Flag of the third country vessel <sup>16</sup>	Transhipped quantities by species <sup>14</sup> (weight in tonnes)	Flag of the third country vessel <sup>17</sup>	Transhipped quantities by species <sup>14</sup> (weight in tonnes)
FS1	Species 1:	FS1	Species 1:

<sup>13</sup> ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

<sup>14</sup> Please use the FAO Alpha-3 codes (ASFIS).

<sup>15</sup> ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

<sup>16</sup> ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

<sup>17</sup> ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

	Species 2: Species x:		Species 2: Species x:
FS2	Species 1: Species 2: Species x:	FS2	Species 1: Species 2: Species x:
...	...	...	...
FSx	...	FSx	...

3.6. Has your country recorded any case of non-compliance by third country fishing vessels with the provisions of Articles 6 (prior notice) and 7 (authorisation) of the IUU Regulation?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please detail the nature of the infringement and the measures taken / sanctions applied:

In 2022: .....

In 2023: .....

3.7. Since January 2022, has your country denied access to its ports to a fishing vessel for port services, landing or transhipment of fishery products based on the conditions of the IUU Regulation?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please describe the case for each vessel concerned (please include the flag of the vessel and its name) and detail the reasons for the denial:

In 2022: .....

In 2023: .....

3.8. Do you have cases of third country fishing vessels landing in your ports with the landed products destined to another Member State? [Article 19(3) of the IUU Regulation]

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please indicate the number of landings meant for transit:

In 2022: .....

In 2023: .....

3.9. In order to identify the vessels to be subject to port inspection, do you use risk assessment criteria [cf. benchmarks for port inspections, Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1010/2009]?

☐ Yes ☐ No

☒ Not applicable (e.g. in the absence of landings/transhipments from third countries)



If yes, please detail, in order to reach the objective of at least 5% of landing and transshipment operations as set in Article 9(1) of the IUU Regulation, which benchmarks you use and rank them:

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#### **Section 4. Information on catch certification scheme for importation<sup>18</sup>**

4.1. How many catch certificates<sup>19</sup> from non-EU countries were submitted to the authorities of your country from 1 January 2022 until 31 December 2023? Please complete the following table by flag State validating the catch certificates, including cases where catch certificates are accompanied by processing statements.<sup>20</sup> Please only provide information on catch certificates accompanying the consignments to be imported in your country; for consignments meant for transit to another Member State (Article 19(1) of the IUU Regulation), please see the question 4.7. of this questionnaire.

<b>2022</b>	<b>Catch Certificates</b>
Argentinië	17
Australië	0
Bahamas	27
Bangladesh	2
Belize	0
Brazilië	0
Canada	128
Chili	100
China	414
Colombia	0
Costa Rica	0
Cuba	0
Curaçao	0
Ecuador	175
Egypte	0
El Salvador	0
Filippijnen	92
Frans-Polynesië	15
Frankrijk	0
Gambia	1
Ghana	11
Guyana	8
IJsland	0
India	526
Indonesië	164
Ivoorkust	4
Japan	5
Kenia	0

<sup>18</sup> Section to be filled-in by all Member States.

<sup>19</sup> Please provide only the number of catch certificates i.e. not the number of all transactions (imports/declarations) where the same certificates have been (re)used.

<sup>20</sup> If catch certificates are submitted only for transshipment purposes, please specify.

Korea	35
Letland	0
Madagascar	0
Malediven	0
Maleisië	0
Marokko	109
Mauritanië	2
Mauritius	11
Mexico	3
Myanmar	25
Namibië	9
Nicaragua	262
Nieuw-Zeeland	11
Nigeria	18
Noorwegen	1
Oman	0
Pakistan	34
Panama	1
Papoea-Nieuw-Guinea	2
Peru	24
Rusland	20
Senegal	121
Seychellen	4
Solomon Eilanden	0
Singapore	1
Spanje	0
Sri Lanka	2
Suriname	32
Tahiti	0
Taiwan	18
Tanzania	5
Thailand	18
Turkije	1
United Kingdom	73
Uruguay	1
USA	107
Verenigde Arabische Emiraten	0
Venezuela	0
Vietnam	181
Yemen	158
Zuid-Afrika	0
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<b>2023</b>	<b>Catch Certificates</b>	<b>Accompanied CC with Annex IV</b>
Argentinië	39	56
Australië	0	0
Bahamas	11	0
Bangladesh	0	0
Belize	0	1
Brazilië	0	0
Canada	189	40
Chili	65	8
China	472	7
Colombia	0	0
Costa Rica	0	0
Cuba	2	0
Curaçao	0	0
Ecuador	149	0
Egypte	0	0
El Salvador	0	2
Faroër Eilanden		1
Filippijnen	126	8
Frans- Polynesië	1	0
Frankrijk	0	146
Gambia	2	0
Ghana	23	1
Guyana	10	0
IJsland	1	0
India	422	45
Indonesië	292	58
Ivoorkust	40	0
Japan	0	0
Kenia	0	0
Korea	18	4
Letland	0	0
Madagascar	0	0
Malediven	0	0
Maleisië	3	1
Marokko	128	0
Mauritanië	4	0
Mauritius	17	0
Mexico	4	0
Mozambique	3	
Myanmar	22	0
Namibië	17	0
Nicaragua	115	19

Nieuw-Zeeland	11	12
Nigeria	22	0
Noorwegen	1	22
Oman	1	1
Pakistan	30	0
Panama	1	53
Papoea-Nieuw-Guinea	5	0
Peru	30	53
Rusland	42	213
Senegal	150	0
Seychellen	0	0
Solomon Eilanden	0	0
Singapore	0	0
SintPierre en Miguelon	1	0
Spanje	0	54
Sri Lanka	5	0
Suriname	2	0
Tahiti	0	0
Taiwan	0	5
Tanzania	2	0
Thailand	24	0
Turkije	0	0
United Kingdom	99	0
Uruguay	0	8
USA	110	268
Ver. Arabische Emiraten	0	0
Venezuela	0	0
Vietnam	172	41
Yemen	214	0
Zuid-Afrika	0	0
	<b>3097</b>	<b>1127</b>

4.2. From the number above, how many recognised RFMO catch certificates (Annex V to Commission Regulation 1010/2009) accompanied consignments destined to your country? *Please detail per RFMO certificate and year.*

<b>RFMO document</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
<i>ICCAT (electronic)-bluefin tuna catch document</i>	0	0

RFMO document	2022	2023
<i>Dissostichus spp.</i> (CCAMLR)	5	0
CCSBT CDS	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

4.3. How many catch certificates from EU Member States (including from your country) were presented to the authorities of your country from 1 January 2022 until 31 December 2023?

*From EU MS we only had accompanied copies of CC's with processing in a TC (the exact numbers are included in our table as included in our answer on question 4.1.*

4.4. From the number above, how many recognised RFMO catch certificates from EU Member States accompanied imports into your country? *Please detail per RFMO certificate and year.*

RFMO document	2022	2023
ICCAT (electronic)-bluefin tuna catch document	0	0
<i>Dissostichus spp.</i> (CCAMLR)	0	0
CCSBT CDS	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

4.5. How many processing statements (Article 14(2) – Annex IV) were submitted to the authorities of your country from 1 January 2022 until 31 December 2023? Please provide details per year and per processing country.

2022	Annex IV
Argentinië	0
Australië	0
Bahamas	0
Bangladesh	1
Belize	0
Brazilië	0
Canada	5
Chili	0
China	408
Colombia	0
Costa Rica	0
Cuba	0
Curaçao	0
Ecuador	59
Egypte	0
El Salvador	0
Filippijnen	0
Frans-Polynesië	0
Frankrijk	0

Gambia	0
Ghana	3
Guyana	0
IJsland	0
India	10
Indonesië	2
Ivoorkust	14
Japan	0
Kenia	0
Korea	3
Letland	0
Madagascar	0
Malediven	0
Maleisië	21
Marokko	0
Mauritanië	1
Mauritius	3
Mexico	0
Myanmar	0
Namibië	12
Nicaragua	0
Nieuw-Zeeland	0
Nigeria	0
Noorwegen	0
Oman	0
Pakistan	0
Panama	0
Papoea-Nieuw-Guinea	11
Peru	1
Rusland	0
Senegal	0
Seychellen	0
Solomon Eilanden	0
Singapore	0
Spanje	0
Sri Lanka	0
Suriname	0
Tahiti	0
Taiwan	1
Tanzania	0
Thailand	49
Turkije	0
United Kingdom	0
Uruguay	0
USA	2
Verenigde Arabische Emiraten	2

Venezuela	0
Vietnam	51
Yemen	0
Zuid-Afrika	0
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<b>2023</b>	<b>Annex IV</b>
Argentinië	0
Australië	0
Bahamas	0
Bangladesh	0
Belize	0
Brazilië	0
Canada	9
Chili	1
China	658
Colombia	0
Costa Rica	0
Cuba	0
Curaçao	0
Ecuador	66
Egypte	0
El Salvador	0
Faroër Eilanden	
Filippijnen	6
Frans-Polynesië	0
Frankrijk	0
Gambia	0
Ghana	0
Guyana	0
IJsland	0
India	0
Indonesië	15
Ivoorkust	23
Japan	0
Kenia	0
Korea	1
Letland	0
Madagascar	0
Malediven	0
Maleisië	13
Marokko	1
Mauritanië	0
Mauritius	0
Mexico	0



Mozambique	
Myanmar	0
Namibië	0
Nicaragua	0
Nieuw-Zeeland	0
Nigeria	0
Noorwegen	0
Oman	0
Pakistan	0
Panama	0
Papoea-Nieuw-Guinea	5
Peru	1
Rusland	0
Senegal	1
Seychellen	0
Solomon Eilanden	0
Singapore	0
SintPierre en Miguelon	0
Spanje	0
Sri Lanka	0
Suriname	0
Tahiti	0
Taiwan	0
Tanzania	0
Thailand	38
Turkije	0
United Kingdom	0
Uruguay	0
USA	12
Ver. Arabische Emiraten	0
Venezuela	0
Vietnam	39
Yemen	0
Zuid-Afrika	0
	<b>889</b>

4.6. How many single transport documents referred to in Article 14(1)(b)(i) were submitted to the authorities of your country from 1 January 2022 until 31 December 2023? Please provide details per year and by third country concerned.

Non-EU State concerned <sup>21</sup> – single transport document	2022	2023
<i>S 1</i>		
<i>S 2</i>		
...		
<i>S x</i>		
<i>Total</i>	0	0

4.7. How many documents referred to in Article 14(1)(b)(ii) (the so-called non-manipulation declarations) were submitted to the authorities of your country from 1 January 2022 until 31 December 2023? Please provide details per year and per country that issued such a document.

Non-EU State issuing a document in line with Article 14.1.b.ii <sup>22</sup>	2022	2023
<i>Republic of Korea</i>	6	0
<i>S 2</i>		
...		
<i>S x</i>		
<i>Total</i>	6	0

4.8. Please indicate if you retain and record the information contained in processing statements (Article 14.2 – Annex IV) referring to the corresponding catch certificates (quantity management):

☒ *Yes*      ***We started keeping record of this since the 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2022***      ☐ *No*

☐ *Not applicable (e.g. in the absence of processing statements received from non-EU countries in 2022-2023)*

4.9. Do you have cases where third country fishery products arriving to your country (entry point) were destined to another Member State? [Article 19(1) of the IUU Regulation]

☒ *Yes*   ☐ *No*   ***We don't have the exact numbers available at our IUU SLO***

If yes, please indicate the number consignments meant for transit

In 2022: .....

In 2023: .....

4.10. Has your country received requests to authorise APEOs<sup>23</sup> in 2022-2023?

<sup>21</sup> Country through which fishery products went when transported from the territory of the flag State and before arriving to your country.

<sup>22</sup> ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

<sup>23</sup> Approved Economic Operators – IUU Regulation, Article 16 and Implementing Regulation (EC) No 1010/2009, Chapter II

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, how many requests has your country received and how many APEOs have been authorised?

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4.11. Has your country adopted administrative rules referring to the management and control of APEOs in 2022-2023?

☐ Yes ☐ No  
☒ Not applicable (e.g. absence of APEO request)

If yes, please provide details:

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4.12. Has your country validated re-export certificates for products imported from 1 January 2022 until 31 December 2023?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, how many re-export certificates? Please detail per year and, if possible, per destination country:

Destination country (non-EU) <sup>24</sup>	2022	2023
Third Country 1	49	68
Third Country 2		
...		
Third Country x		
Total	49	68

4.13. Does your country monitor if the catches for which your country has validated a re-export certificate actually leave the EU?

☒ Yes ☐ No  
☐ Not applicable (e.g. in the absence of validation of re-export certificates in 2022-2023)

If yes, please provide details:

*...Our Customs authority FOD Financiën AAD&A is in Belgium the authority that checks if the commodities are being transported and stored in accordance to the Union Customs Code. Our authority has a collaboration by agreed protocol, when we have any information regarding non-compliance regarding the provisions as available in the IUU Council regulation No 1005/2008, that we contact our customs authority to verify if this in accordance with the information as received by the customs representative or the concerned exporter.....*

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<sup>24</sup> ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

4.14. Has your country established any IT tools to monitor the catch certificates and processing statements accompanying imports?

☐ *Yes*

☒ *No*

If yes, does it include a module for re-exportation of imported catches?

☐ *Yes*

☒ *No*

4.15. Does your country implement the provisions regarding transit under Article 19(2) at the point of entry or the place of destination?

☒ *At the point of entry*

☐ *At the place of destination*

☐ *Not implemented because no consignments were placed under transit procedure as laid down in Article 19(2)*

**Section 5. Information on catch certification scheme for exportation<sup>25</sup>**

5.1. Have you established a procedure for validation of catch certificates for exportation of catches from own vessels in accordance with Article 15?

☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ Not applicable (e.g. in the absence of validation of catch certificates for exportation in 2022-2023)

If yes, please explain briefly the established procedure and answer questions 5.2 to 5.5.

..... *We have scenarios of outward processing customs to Morocco and export to the UK, that has implemented his own national IUU legislation* .....

5.2. Have you validated catch certificates for exportation in 2022-2023 in accordance with Article 15?

☒ Yes

☐ No

If yes, how many catch certificates did you validate from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2023? Please provide details per requesting third country/country of destination in the following table:

Destination State <sup>26, 27</sup>	Year	
	2022	2023
Morocco	140	27
United Kingdom	247	116
...		
Third Country x		
Total	387	143

5.3. Have you established any IT tool to monitor the catch certificates you have validated for fish caught by your own vessels?

☒ Yes

☐ No

5.4. Do you monitor that the catches for which you have validated catch certificates actually leave the EU?

☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ Not applicable (e.g. in the absence of validation of catch certificates for exportation in 2022-2023)

5.5. Has your country refused the validation of a catch certificate between 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2023?

☐ Yes

☒ No

<sup>25</sup> Section to be filled-in by flag Member States.

<sup>26</sup> ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

<sup>27</sup> It is recommended that the validation of a catch certificate for exportation takes place when the country of destination is known.

☐ Not applicable (e.g. in the absence of request for validation of catch certificates for exportation in 2022-2023)

If yes, please provide details on:

Number (per year): .....

Reason: .....

Follow-up: .....

<b>Section 6. Information on checks and verifications of catch certificates and related documents according to Articles 16(1) and 17(1)-(5) of IUU Regulation<sup>28</sup></b>
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**Please note:** points 6.1 to 6.3 in this Section refer to checks of catch certificates in accordance with Article 16(1) whereas points 6.4 to 6.11 refer to verifications of catch certificates in accordance with Article 17.

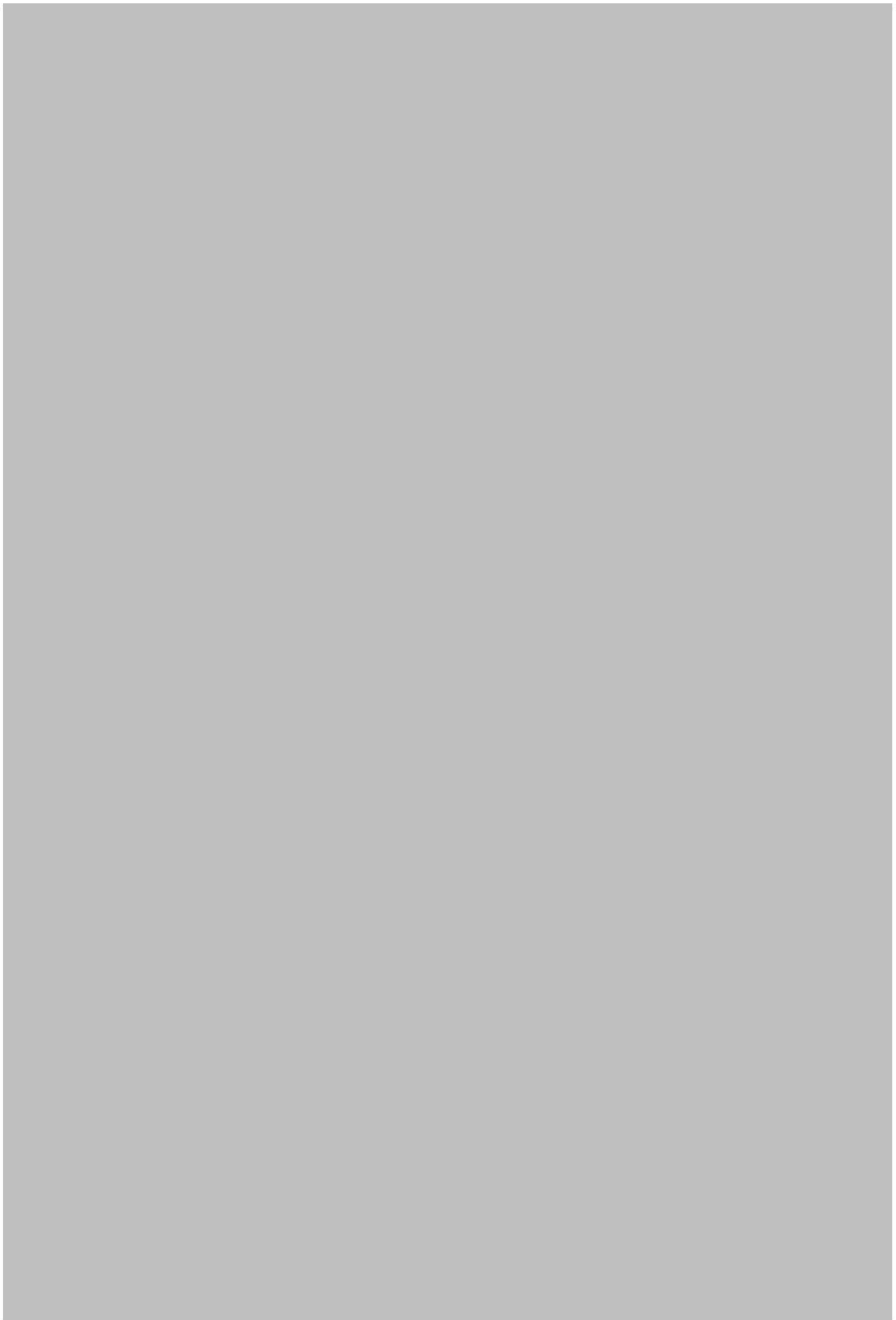
The clear separation between checks and verifications in this Section thus reflects the provisions of the mentioned Articles of the IUU Regulation.

**It is therefore important to provide the requested information in line with this separation.**



<sup>28</sup> Section to be filled-in by all Member States

<sup>29</sup> Based on comparison of the information in the catch certificate with the information provided in the flag State notification available to Member States authorities on the Commission website (in CIRCABC database).

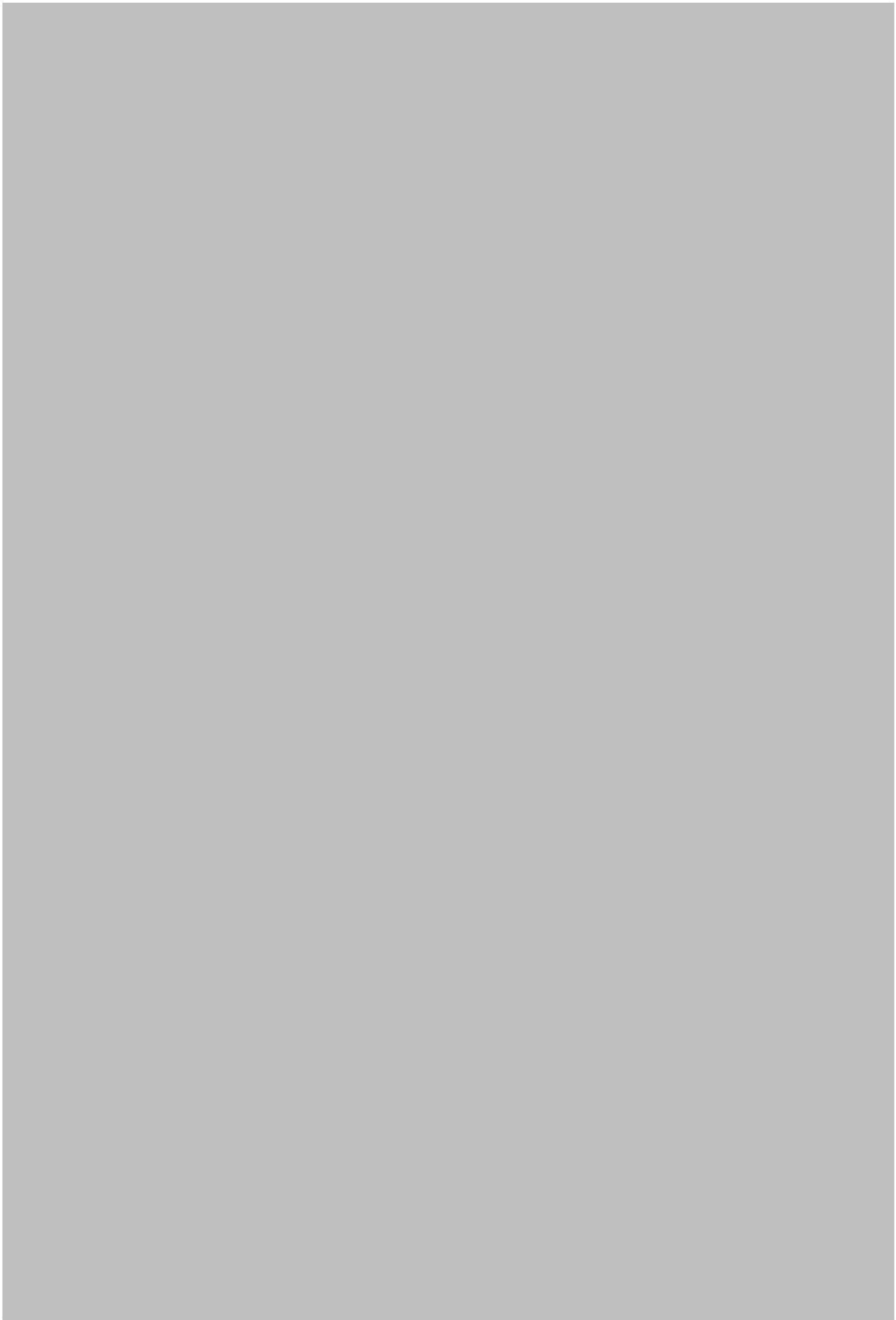


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<sup>30</sup> ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

<sup>31</sup> Please provide a complete description (not only examples of what and how is checked).





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<sup>32</sup> Please provide a complete description (not only examples of national criteria and of their use).

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<sup>33</sup> Please provide a complete and accurate description

<sup>34</sup> ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

## Section 7. Assistance requests to third countries<sup>35</sup>

7.1. Have you sent assistance requests for verifications under Article 17(6) of the IUU Regulation to flag States' authorities in 2022-2023<sup>36</sup>?

☒ Yes

☐ No

If yes, how many assistance requests for verifications? *Note: please provide separate data for 2022 and 2023:*

Flag States <sup>37</sup>	Number of assistance requests for verifications 2022	Justification (please provide a brief description)	Number of assistance requests for verifications 2023	Justification (please provide a brief description)
<i>Vietnam</i>	2		1	
<i>Ecuador</i>	2		1	
<i>Indonesië</i>	0		1	
<i>Tanzania</i>	1		0	
<i>Nederland</i>	3		2	
<i>Spanje</i>	0		1	
<i>Rusland</i>	0		1	
<i>Zwitserland</i>	1		0	
<i>USA</i>	1		0	
<i>Chili</i>	0		1	
<i>India</i>	1		1	
<i>Peru</i>	0		1	
<i>Namibië</i>	0		1	
<i>Myanmar</i>	0		1	
<i>Senegal</i>	0		1	
<i>Zuid-Korea</i>	0		1	
<b>Total</b>	11		14	

7.2. How many assistance requests for verifications were not replied to by the other flag States' authorities within the deadline provided in Article 17(6) of the IUU Regulation? In these cases, do you send a reminder to the authorities of the country in question? Could you please specify when the assistance request, despite reminder(s), remained unanswered? What measures have you taken in that case (i.e. have you denied the importation)? [Please provide separate data for 2022 and 2023]

<sup>35</sup> Section to be filled-in by all Member States

<sup>36</sup> Please note that assistance requests for verifications sent to countries other than flag States should be listed under point 7.4.

<sup>37</sup> ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

2022 .....0.....

2023 .....0.....

- 7.3. Was the quality of the answers provided overall sufficient to satisfy the assistance request? If no, please explain why the quality was not sufficient, and the measures you have taken in such case(s).

***Concerning Russia, we did receive an answer, but we still don't have access to the closed database.***

***Concerning Vietnam the reply was to late, therefore the consignment was refused for importation***

- 7.4. Have you sent assistance requests for verifications to other countries than the flag State? If yes, please specify the number, the reasons and the countries concerned, and the quality of the feedback provided.

***The MAR as sent to the Netherlands and DG MARE (2 in total), was mainly concerning sharing information and in the case with the Netherland this were requests for assistance with asking if they had already similar cases and ask if they would want to share their experience.***

- 7.5. If you have been using IT systems developed by third countries allowing for a full or partial verification<sup>38</sup> of catch certificates, please indicate these countries and the number of verifications that were made through their systems (at least approximately)?

***This is incorporated in our checks and verifications. We check the CC's with systems of China, Canada, Ecuador, China, .... on a regular basis. When we have verifications on the CC where such a system is in place (with exception of Russia), we have completed this for 100%.***

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<sup>38</sup> Please indicate if you use these IT systems already as part of your checks (not verifications) of catch certificates.

**Section 8. Information on refusal of importations (Article 18 of the IUU Regulation)<sup>39</sup>**

8.1. Has your country refused any imports from 1 January 2022 until 31 December 2023? *Note: please only consider refusals based on the IUU Regulation, not for other reasons e.g. Food Safety legislation, Customs legislation, etc.*

☒ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please provide details in the table below:

Reason for refusal of importation	2022		2023	
	Flag State <sup>40</sup>	Number	Flag State <sup>41</sup>	Number
Non-submission of a catch certificate for products to be imported.	Vietnam	1	Senegal, China	2
The products intended for importation are not the same as those mentioned in the catch certificate.				
The catch certificate is not validated by the notified public authority of the flag State.				
The catch certificate does not indicate all the required information.				
The importer is not in a position to prove that the fishery products comply with the conditions of Article 14.1 or 2.				
A fishing vessel figuring on the catch certificate as vessel of origin of the catches is included in the EU IUU vessel list or in the IUU vessel lists referred to in Article 30.			Cameroon (IUU Procedures)	1
The catch certificate has been validated by the authorities of a flag State identified as a non-cooperating State in accordance with Article 31.				
Further to the request for verification (Article 18.2).	Vietnam	1		

8.2. If the answer to point 8.1 is yes, what measures were taken by your authorities in relation to the consignments refused (Article 18.3)? Please also quote the national legal basis for the measures taken. Cameroon (the commodities has been destroyed), the other ones left with a destination TC as the submission of the CC's was too late.

<sup>39</sup> Section to be filled-in by all Member States

<sup>40</sup> ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

<sup>41</sup> ISO Alpha-2 country codes.



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8.3. In case of refusal of importation, did any operator contest the decision of the authorities of your country?

☐ Yes

☒ No

☐ Not applicable (absence of refusals in 2022-2023)

If yes, please provide details: .....

#### **Section 9. Information on trade flows<sup>42</sup>**

Please provide information and relevant import figures, based on your statistical data, concerning any important change of trade patterns in imports of fishery products into your country since the last reporting period covering 2020-2021:

*We have noticed the same patterns as in 2020.....*

#### **Section 10. Information on mutual assistance<sup>43</sup>**

10.1. Since the last reporting exercise covering the period 2020-2021, how many mutual assistance messages of the Commission (DG MARE B4) has your country replied to?<sup>44</sup>

*Please provide separate data for 2022 and 2023 (if any)*

2022.....12.....

2023.....8.....

*From the numbers above, please specify in how many cases you took action and describe the actions taken.*

10.2. Since the last reporting exercise covering the period 2020-2021, has your country sent any mutual assistance message to the Commission/other Member States?

*Please provide separate data for 2022 and 2023 (if any)*

2022.....6.....

2023.....5.....

#### **Section 11. Information on cooperation with third countries<sup>45</sup>**

<sup>42</sup> Section to be filled-in by all Member States

<sup>43</sup> Section to be filled-in by all Member States

<sup>44</sup> Please provide the number of all replies, regardless of their content i.e. including replies which, for example, only confirmed that the request was not relevant for your country.

<sup>45</sup> Section to be filled-in by all Member States

Apart from assistance requests in the context of verifications of catch certificates and accompanying documents foreseen under the catch certification scheme (Article 17(6)), has your country had other exchanges with third countries on issues related to the implementation of the IUU Regulation, such as follow-up of cases concerning nationals, trade flows, operators, private fishing licencing, re-flagging operations, investigations of cases of IUU fishing (Article 42) and investigations of criminal activities associated to IUU fishing?

☐ Yes

☒ No

If yes, please provide details (please provide separate data for 2022 and 2023, if any).

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## Section 12. Information on nationals<sup>46</sup>

12.1. Since the last reporting exercise covering the period 2020-2021, has your country implemented or modified existing measures to ensure that your country can take appropriate action with regards to nationals involved in IUU fishing in accordance with Article 39 of the IUU Regulation?

Sinds onze laatste rapportering werd onderstaande nationale regelgeving gepubliceerd;

-16 JUNI 2023. - Besluit van de Vlaamse Regering tot vaststelling van de werking en het beheer van het Financieringsinstrument voor de Vlaamse visserij- en aquacultuursector (FIVA) en de verrichtingen die voor steun vanuit FIVA en EFMZVA in aanmerking komen

-20 JUNI 2023. - Ministerieel besluit tot uitvoering van het besluit van de Vlaamse Regering van 16 juni 2023 tot vaststelling van de werking en het beheer van het Financieringsinstrument voor de Vlaamse visserij- en aquacultuursector (FIVA) en de verrichtingen die voor steun vanuit FIVA en EFMZVA in aanmerking komen

Onlangs (van kracht sinds 01/04/2024) werd onderstaande wetgeving gewijzigd;

-28 JUNI 2013. - Decreet betreffende het landbouw- en visserijbeleid

Daarnaast zijn er op nationaal niveau nog steeds belangrijke maatregelen van kracht in onze strijd tegen IOO Visserij ;

- 16 DECEMBER 2005. - Besluit van de Vlaamse Regering tot de instelling van een visvergunning en houdende tijdelijke maatregelen voor de uitvoering van de communautaire regeling inzake de instandhouding en de duurzame exploitatie van de visbestanden
- 14 DECEMBER 2012. - Besluit van de Vlaamse Regering houdende de invoering van een puntensysteem voor ernstige inbreuken> in de zeevisserij

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please provide details: .....

<sup>46</sup> Section to be filled-in by all Member States



12.2. Have there been any cases of nationals of your country engaging in or supporting IUU fishing, including by engagement on board or as operators or beneficial owners of fishing vessels included in the EU IUU vessel list?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please provide details: .....

12.3. Since the last reporting exercise covering the period 2020-2021, has your country taken any action with regard to its nationals who have been identified as supporting or engaged in IUU fishing?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please provide details: .....

12.4. What measures has your country taken to encourage nationals to notify any information on interests in third country fishing vessels (Article 40(1))?

.....Since the case with [REDACTED] we haven't had any other case concerning BEL nationals.....

12.5. Has your country endeavoured to obtain information on arrangements between nationals and third countries allowing reflagging of their fishing vessels in accordance with Article 40(4)?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please provide details: .....

12.6. Has your country put in place procedures to ensure that nationals do not sell or export any fishing vessels to operators involved in the operation, management or ownership of fishing vessels included in the EU IUU vessel list (Article 40(2))?

☐ Yes ☐ No This question is also part of the [REDACTED], I will come back to this by e-mail.

If yes, please provide details: .....

12.7. Has your country made use of Article 40(3) and removed public aid under national aid regimes or under EU funds to operators involved in the operation, management or ownership of fishing vessels included in the EU IUU vessel list?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please provide details: .....It is included in the national law as included in this report.....

### Section 13. Serious infringements (Chapter IX of the IUU Regulation)<sup>47</sup>

13.1. Has your country detected serious infringements as defined in Article 42 of the IUU Regulation from 1 January 2022 until 31 December 2023?

☒ Yes ☐ No

<sup>47</sup> Section to be filled-in by all Member States

If yes, please detail separately for each year the number of serious infringements, nature and sanctions applied:

Flag State of the fishing vessel or nationality of the operator (EU and non-EU) <sup>48</sup>	Serious infringements detected in 2022:			Serious infringements detected in 2023:		
	Number	Nature	Sanctions applied	Number	Nature	Sanctions applied
<i>Senegal</i>		Concerning SWO imports during the period 2014-2020, this investigation isn't completed yet	Concerning SWO imports during the period 2014-2020, this investigation isn't completed yet			
<i>Country 2</i>						
...						
<i>Country x</i>						
<i>Total</i>						

13.2. Has your country applied its levels of administrative sanctions in accordance with Article 44?

☒ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please provide details: ...Sinds 01/04/2024 is er een wijziging bij Decreet, hiervoor was dit steeds via het parket van de correctionele rechtbank te Brugge (wijziging 01/01/2024...correctionele rechtbank te Ieper).....

Have you used criminal sanctions? If yes, please specify if in addition to or in replacement of administrative sanctions: ...Yes in replacement of administrative sanctions.....

#### Section 14. Sightings (Chapter X of the IUU Regulation)<sup>49</sup>

14.1. Has your country issued sighting reports from 1 January 2022 until 31 December 2023?

☐ Yes

☒ No

<sup>48</sup> ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

<sup>49</sup> Section to be filled-in by all Member States

If yes, how many sighting reports were issued by your country from 1 January 2022 until 31 December 2023?

Flag State of the sighted fishing vessel (EU and non-EU) <sup>50</sup>	Number of sighting reports issued in 2022	Number of sighting reports issued in 2023
<i>Country 1</i>		
<i>Country 2</i>		
...		
<i>Country x</i>		
<i>Total</i>		

14.2. Since the last reporting exercise covering the period 2020-2021, has your country received any sighting reports for fishing vessels flying its own flag from other competent authorities?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please provide details on follow-up (in accordance with Article 50 of the IUU Regulation).

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#### Section 15. General

14.1. During the reporting period 2022-2023, what have been the main difficulties that your country has encountered in implementing the IUU Regulation, including the catch certification scheme?

.....After your visit during the year 2022 and with the [REDACTED] case we have taken steps and are taking steps to improve our process in accordance with the catch certification scheme and we also adjusted our process with the remarks as received by your end.....

#### Section 16. Any other comment

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<sup>50</sup> ISO Alpha-2 country codes.